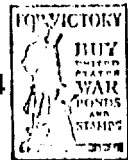


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This is in reply to your letter dated 8 July 1946.

Effective 12 August 1946, the Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) has arranged for the handling of SSU radio traffic between Shanghai, China and Washington, D. C., via Navy radio facilities. This traffic will be handled as expeditiously as possible, although temporary difficulties may be encountered because of the present personnel shortages.

Radio call sign MALE and NTX routing indicator WNSB has been assigned for all SSU traffic originating in Washington, and radio call sign SOME for all SSU traffic originating in Shanghai. The meaning of this NTX routing indicator and radio call signs has been promulgated as "Special Communications Unit" Washington and Shanghai respectively.

For clarity purposes and to avoid delays in routing, SSU messages will employ official Naval Radio procedure as outlined to your representative, Mr. Confrey.

The Chief of Naval Operations (CNO) foresees no requirement at present for Navy use of SSU radio facilities except as a possible emergency measure.

The Navy is pleased to render this service at this time, but this arrangement for SSU traffic handling via Naval facilities should not be considered as permanent. The continuance is premised on the ability of the Navy to handle this SSU traffic without increasing Navy facilities or personnel.

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